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Email: N [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 21 January in which you requested the following information:

*"I would like to know how many non-UK residents were recruited by The Scottish Regiment in the last three years (2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14).*

*If possible, I would like to know the different nationalities of the non-UK cohort."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information on the Joint Personnel Administration system does not record country of residence of Armed Forces personnel but does capture their nationality. I have, therefore, provided the attached information on that basis. The figures have not been provided on an annual basis as statistical rounding would have provided you with little information.

There has been a long tradition of Commonwealth citizens serving in the British Armed Forces and most recently on operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-standing five-year UK residency requirement for Commonwealth citizens to join the Armed Forces was waived in 1998 but was reintroduced on 11 July 2013 for new recruits. The change in 2013 did not affect personnel already serving, or on recruitment, from the Republic of Ireland or for the Brigade of Gurkhas.

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat